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CAUTION URGED WHEN USING INSECT REPELLENTS

Health officials in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey are advising people using insect repellents containing the chemical DEET on exposed skin to exercise caution to avoid overexposure and possible reactions. Insect repellents should be used to prevent insect-borne problems, but they should be used with care.

The advisory comes from the Connecticut Department of Health Services, the New York Department of Health, and the New Jersey Department of Health.

Public concern about Lyme disease, which is transmitted by infected deer ticks, and concern about this year's large mosquito population may cause some people to apply on the skin excessive amounts of insect repellents with DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide) for prolonged periods of time, thus increasing the chance of adverse reactions.

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